THE CONTINUING CASE FOR BLACK REPARATIONS

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Credit: Maxime Bocquier

What Exactly Are Reparations?

Denotation:

- a repairing or keeping in repair
- the act of making amends, offering expiation, or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury
- something done or given as amends or satisfaction

Current Connotation

- war damages
- compensation and other measures provided to victims of severe human rights violations by the parties responsible

Examples of Reparations

- Jewish Holocaust after WWII (Germany & France): ~ \$2 billion
- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples & Indian Residential
 Schools Settlement Agreement (Canada): \$2 billion
- Independent Arbitration Commission (Morocco): \$100 million
- Indian Claims Commission (United States): \$1.3 billion
- Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 + Civil Liberties
 Act of 1988 (United States): ~ \$1.7 billion

So...Where are Black Folks' Reparations?

Few examples

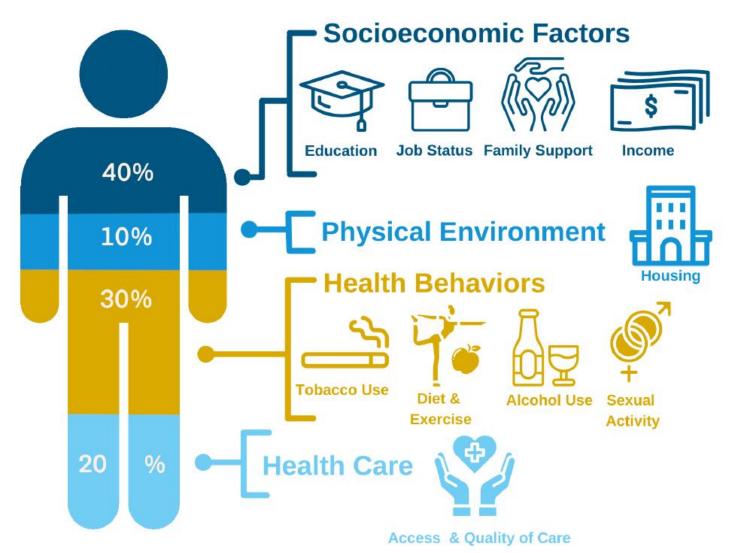
- GU272 Foundation
 (Georgetown University, United States) - 2019
- Evanston, Illinois 2021

How much is owed?

• \$14 billion – 17.7 trillion

Elephant in the room

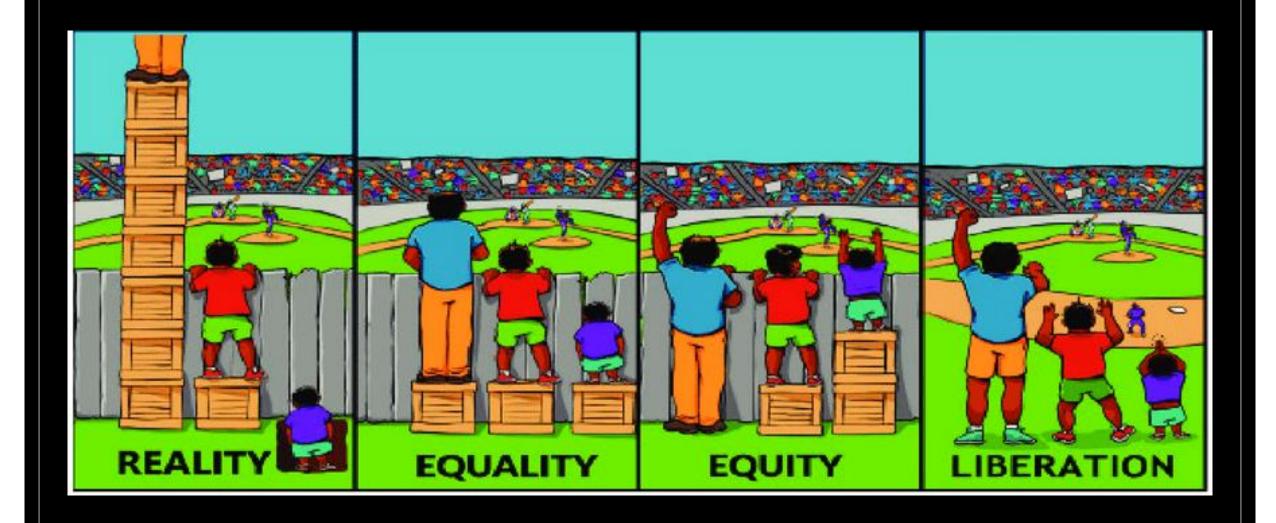
 What would Black people do with all that money?



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EXERCISE: WHATSHOULD MLTRC REPARATIONS LOOKLIKE?



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Thank You!

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